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Office of the Attorney General

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*1 Re: South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium

William H. Knisely, Ph.D. President Medical University of South Carolina 171 Ashley Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Dr. Knisley:

This will reply to your recent letter concerning the location of the offices of the Sea Grant Consortium.

As noted in your letter Section 48-45-30 of the Code of Laws of 1976, provides 'the principal office of the Consortium shall be located at the Marine Resources Research Institute in Charleston'. This language is mandatory and may not properly be avoided by the fact that adequate space is not available at the institute offices. As a practical consequence it would be necessary for the Consortium to maintain an office at the institute, even though it is necessary to obtain other office space at a different location to carry on Consortium activities. There would, of course, be nothing improper about showing both offices' addresses on the Consortium letterhead for purposes of convenience.

If, because of budget or other constraints, it is not practical to enlarge the facilities at the institute to provide further office space, we would suggest that the Consortium request an amendment or repeal of Code Section 48-45-30.

If we can assist you in this matter, please call upon us. Sincerely,

Frank K. Sloan Deputy Attorney General

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